

# Chace Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the Summer term, I would like to thank you all for your support during this difficult time. We appreciate how hard this has been for families and recognise how crucial the intervention of parents and carers has been to motivate and inspire the children. All of us at Chace are very much looking forward to the children returning to school in September.

I was keen to write to all parents to briefly outline plans for the end of term; distribution of exam results in August and a return to school in September. There is a lot of information to share here, and I will attempt to keep it as brief as possible. More detailed information will be sent to parents of students in individual year groups as we approach key dates.

## Students' home learning and online teaching until the end of term

- **Year 7 and 8** will continue to be set work until Friday 10th July. The final week of term will be an opportunity for students to catch up and consolidate the work to date. Heads of Learning will be contacting students with details of online end of term rewards assemblies and form time online sessions.
- **Year 9** students will have received their Key Stage 4 Options allocations and will have started work on the courses that they will be following next year through some online teaching and some independent tasks. Year 9 students will continue to be set work until lunchtime on Friday 17th July and Ms Grapine will be contacting students with details of an end of term rewards assembly.
- **Year 10 and 12** will continue with a blend of online teaching and home learning tasks until lunchtime on 17th July. Additionally, a small number of students have been invited into school for face to face lessons/workshops for Year 10 Art and Year 12 Philosophy. All Year 12 students have been invited into school for individual face to face meetings with members of the Post 16 team to review learning and plan next steps. Students who are self isolating at the moment will conduct their meeting online. Heads of Learning will be contacting students with details of end of term rewards assemblies.

## Childcare facilities and in school work stations for Year 10 and 12 Students

- We have been pleased to have offered a daily childcare facility for the children of key workers and students who have been particularly vulnerable throughout the pandemic. These students have been working in bubbles in school since March, throughout school holidays and bank holidays. We will be closing this facility at 12.00pm on Friday 17 July for the Summer.
- Since 15 June, a number of Year 10 and 12 students have been attending school daily to make use of the school's IT resources to keep up to date with their school work. This facility will also close for the Summer at 12.00pm on Friday 17th July.

## Curriculum plans to recover lost learning time

We recognise that students have missed out on a significant amount of formal learning over the last few years. We have been working hard to review our curriculum offer to ensure that



what we teach in September makes up for lost time. The government has promised significant sums of money to schools to help students catch up. When we receive details of this funding we will be ensuring that the additional funding is focussed on the students' individual needs. In the meantime, we know that reading is key to success at GCSE and beyond, so we encourage everyone to keep reading over the summer.

Parents of **Year 10** and **Year 12** students will be particularly concerned about the impact on learning for students preparing for public examinations in the Summer of 2021. This week, Ofqual have published a consultation document on how the exams may be changed so that students are not disadvantaged. It is a long document, and we welcome many of the suggestions. Teachers will amend their curriculum plans in response to the outcome of the consultation. For information the Ofqual documents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2021>

### **A Level and GCSE Results Days**

We look forward to seeing the Year 13 and Year 11 students in August to distribute the exam results. If any student is not able to come to school to collect results, please email our Exams Officer, Ms Hamilton on [jhamilton@chace.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:jhamilton@chace.enfield.sch.uk) in advance to make other arrangements.

- A Level and Sixth Form BTEC results will be distributed to **Year 13** students on the morning of Thursday 13 August and we also hope to organise a socially distanced get together on the field during the morning. More details will follow from Ms Christodoulou closer to the time.
- GCSE and BTEC results will be distributed to **Year 11** students throughout the day on Thursday 20 August followed by enrollment into our Sixth Form. To ensure that we manage this safely we will be welcoming the students in their form groups in specified time blocks throughout the day. More details will follow closer to the time.
- **Year 13** have received support for transitioning to university, apprenticeships or employment and can contact the Post 16 team if they have any remaining questions before the end of term. They will also be receiving a farewell video from Ms Christodoulou shortly.
- **Year 11** will be receiving a Sixth Form induction video this week and can continue to contact Ms Christodoulou until the end of term if they have any further queries.

### **Plans for September**

On Thursday, the government outlined its plans for all students to return to school in September and we very much welcome this development. The first draft of guidance from the government about a September return can be found here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm\\_source=572d62e4-ce85-4056-8338-e87b1cbaf0c5&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak?utm_source=572d62e4-ce85-4056-8338-e87b1cbaf0c5&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

We will be working hard to update our school risk assessment with our own plans at Chace to ensure the safest possible way to ensure that all students return to school daily in September. I will be writing with details closer to the time but plans are likely to include:

- All members of the community engaging in the testing and track and trace procedures
- Encouraging good hygiene
- Encouraging staff to socially distance from each other and students whenever possible
- Staggering break and lunch times to reduce movement around school

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- Encouraging students to socially distance when possible and aiming to keep students in year group bubbles
- Staggered starts and ends to the school day for year groups using more than one entrance
- Zoning outside areas for year groups
- Introducing one-way systems in school
- Reducing our catering offer to just packed lunches
- Staggered starts and ends to break and lunch times
- Temporarily removing one of the registration periods to further reduce movement
- Virtual assemblies presented remotely in form rooms
- Re-rooming some lessons to further reduce movement

At Chace, we all very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school and getting back to a normal as possible approach to learning. I do hope that you all remain safe and well throughout the Summer and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

**Daniel Bruton**  
**HEADTEACHER**



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